

WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

A Christmas card from F-1c Frank Nease finds him still at Camp Parks in the Ship's Service. Same to you Frank.

A prepared V-mail letter from M.M. 2-c Leo Cardinal of the SeaBees really puts that worthy organization on the back. Says the letter: "The third anniversary of the 'work-in-progress' fighting bunch of men" in the nation's armed forces, the Navy SeaBees, will be observed on December 28 by 240,000 officers and men of the United States Naval Construction Battalions. Born just three weeks after Pearl Harbor disaster, with an authorized strength of 3000, the SeaBees won their spurs at Guadalcanal and have been with the assault troops in every major American amphibious operation. They can now boast that they built the network of air and naval bases in the Pacific that pushed the Japs back 3000 miles that they developed amphibious equipment and techniques that helped carry the day on the African, Sicilian Italian and Normandy beachheads. As General McArthur wrote in a letter to SeaBee Vice-Admiral Ben Morrell, "The only trouble with your SeaBees is that you don't have enough of them." And we say amen.

Pvt. Bud Zorich is back with his infantry unit in Texas after a short visit home recently. He writes that they are making inquiries about the skiers in the outfit and he thinks he may again get back on the old skis after wrestling for months with mules and heavy packs. Bud wishes everyone a merry Christmas.

Another one of those nifty V-mail Christmas cards arrived this week from Sgt. Raymond Salbini who is with the invasion MP's out Burma way. Ray's card shows a GI Joe in the act of mailing a letter from the back of an elephant in the Burma jungles. Merry Christmas to you Ray, and good luck.

Pvt. Phil Kearney sent a letter from the Hotel Biltmore at Santa Barbara, telling of the luxurious surrounding and his present but short lived enjoyment of the situation. Quite different from your former spot in the jungle, eh, Phil?

Pfc. Elihu Kearney who left here a short time ago after a furlough visit at home, turned up in Murco Field, California, where he expects to be for some time.

Word has been received at Norden that Miguel Atelano, former worker in that area for many years, has been killed in action. No details were learned. His wife lives at Sacramento.

Tech. 3rd Class Quentin Queen formerly of Norden, is now with the medical corps in France. His wife has returned to North Dakota.

Signalman Bob Leamon flew home Tuesday to meet his three-months old son for the first time and incidentally visit with other members of his family. Bob has been engaged on the Atlantic since coming home from the Pacific wars. He looks fighting fit.

Major Colin Campbell is expected to arrive here tomorrow to spend the Christmas holiday with his mother, Mrs. Eliza Campbell. Colin is stationed at Portland, Oregon in the chemical warfare department.

Another Truckee boy fighting with the 363rd Infantry in the current Florence-Bologna offensive in Italy is Pfc. Ralph Bretthauer. The regiment is part of the 91st Division with Lt. General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army. Ralph is an ammo carrier.

Chipmunk Chatterings

School to Celebrate

The high school will celebrate the annual Christmas season Friday afternoon by having each class put on a skit. The freshmen plan to produce a skit entitled Christmas Tree. The sophomores will put on a scene from Bird's Christmas Carol. The juniors and seniors have combined to produce a short one-act play entitled White Christmas, written by the junior girls in English class.

Surprise Party

High school teen-agers gave a surprise party for Joan Pabst, student body treasurer on the occasion of her 15th birthday, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pabst at Boca Friday evening. The evening was spent in ice-skating. Refreshments were served.

Christmas Tree

H. I. Snider, regional forest ranger presented the high school with a 14 foot fir Christmas tree last week. Eugene Gini made the stand and attached it to the tree as a shop project.

Project Completed

John Rablin, president of the junior class, completed a combination desk-chair in wood shop last week.

The 363 entered combat in Italy last July 4 north of Cecina river on the right flank of the 34th Division, to which it was then attached. The regiment joined the 91st Infantry Division south of Chianni where it experienced one of its roughest battles. A battalion captured Hill 634 and repelled numerous counter attacks in savage hand-to-hand fighting. The unit also broke across the canal north of Leghorn and occupied the coastal area from the port city of Pisa, one of its battalions entering the city before dawn July 24 and another one reaching the city of the Leaning Tower that night. It has been in steady action and Ralph is likely doing his stuff. Colonel W. Fulton Magill, Jr., of Portland commands the 363rd.

11 PER CENT TO GO ON BOND DRIVE IN THIS DISTRICT

Eleven per cent to go! This was the hopeful report of Chairman Dick Little of the local Sixth War Loan Drive today, in announcing that 89 per cent of the quota, or \$49,746 had been collected to date. Of this total, \$27,413.50 are in E Series bonds, with only \$2600 still to go to fill the quota of this type bond.

Mrs. Elden Tonini, who is heading the Pythian Sisters committee in charge of the drive, said her five members had accounted for a total of \$30,125 in sales and in the last state bulletin were at the top of the list with Mrs. Rita Oroz heading the local list. The drive ends December 30.

SEVERAL WRECKS REPORTED IN THIS AREA THIS WEEK

Herman H. Kuntz, 34, of the Overland Hotel, Reno, an employee of the Beckley Livestock Company, suffered severe lacerations on his face on Monday morning at 4 o'clock when the car he was driving blew out a right front tire just east of the San Francisco Flycasting Club, crashed into a big rock and then overturned onto the highway.

Kuntz, who was traveling east at the time was taken to Dr. J. H. Bern and for treatment by Sergeant H. B. Fowler who investigated. The car was demolished.

Elmer Hanson of Farad and other passengers in his car escaped injury Tuesday when the machine overturned near Verdi. A big gasoline truck, driven by Alvin Carpenter of Richmond, overturned when the driver attempted to avoid the Hanson car. 3500 gallons of gasoline were spilled when the trailer went over.

The trailer of an Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight truck got out of control on the hill at Flycasting Club Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock and after tearing out 65 feet of the guardrail overturned. The driver Earl Neal of Reno was not hurt. The trailer was loaded with miscellaneous merchandise and was going east.

State Patrolman K. C. Kolb made the investigation.

A car driven by William D. Alexander of Oakland plunged off a 50-foot embankment near Verdi Tuesday and the driver escaped with only minor injuries. He was forced to dig himself from under the car with a pocketknife.

SOLVENT ARRIVES FOR PLANT HERE

Nat Quilici, owner of Fontana's Laundry and Dry Cleaners this week announced receipt of a large supply of cleaning solvent, the lack of which has hampered production at the local plant for the past several weeks.

Quilici, who said that he had been forced to send most of the cleaning from the local dry cleaner to Reno, announced that they are now locally prepared to handle all orders.

NEW YEARS PARTY PLANS ARE MADE

Preparations are going forward for the annual New Year's dinner dance sponsored jointly by the Lions and Rotary Clubs to be held Sunday, December 31 at Capitol Hall. The committees are arranging a program that promises a full evening of fun for everyone attending.

WAR PICTURES ARE SEEN BY ROTARY

War pictures taken in Italy, Russia and the South Pacific were enjoyed by members of the Rotary Club Monday night. The pictures were shown by Al Ledgerwood of Richmond. Art Couillard was program chairman and T. T. Buell presided. Guests were Ernest Pomin of Tahoe and M. A. Clegg of Truckee.

To Pasadena—

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Greene, resident managers at Tahoe Tavern, have returned to Pasadena for the winter months but hope that they miss the lake and are already looking forward to their return in the spring.

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Since 1869

10,000 Trees In Truckee District Cut For Holiday

Only 30 Per Cent Of Last Years Harvest Is Reported

Final shipment of 10,000 Christmas trees cut on the Truckee district of the Tahoe National Forest was made last week by cutting operators, reports District Ranger H. I. Snider. About ten per cent of the trees were cut off government land and the balance from private land cut under forest service supervision by arrangement with the owners, Snider said.

The amount cut this year was only about 30 per cent of what was cut last year and wholesale prices made a 20 per cent increase after the storms the first part of November rendered the cutting difficult, Snider reported.

Another delaying factor in the cutting operations was the fact that the November storms started with part rain and part snow and the snow gradually freezing on the trees, persistently stuck there for many days of cold weather in November.

CHAMBER EXPECTED TO URGE CHANGE IN FISH LAW HERE

The Truckee Chamber of Commerce is expected to have recommendations for submission to the state fish and game commission at the latter's meeting to be held at a date in February to be announced later. The recommendations must be submitted prior to January 15 for the commission's action.

While the matter is still under discussion, the chamber had tentatively determined to ask the commission to change the date for the opening of the trout season on the Truckee river and tributaries to May 15 and advance the closing date to October 1. This was held advisable to protect the early spring spawn and the early fall plantings.

The action was deemed timely due to the fact that last year, a spokesman for the commission held that all lakes feeding into the Truckee river are tributaries and so are open May 1, instead of June 1 as previously.

Certain other recommendations to include a six or seven-inch limit may also be asked by the local organization.

Local recommendations may hinge upon action of the Nevada commission, which is reported favorable to changing their opening date from April 15 to May 15 to conform with the proposed California date for the river.

LAST RITES HELD FOR JOHN HAMMILL

Last rites were held Tuesday for John M. Hammill, former Nevada County assessor, who died Saturday at his home in Grass Valley. He had been in failing health for some time. Hammill is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie Hammill; his son, Malcolm Hammill and two grandchildren. He was 71 years of age and served as assessor from 1928 to 1942 when he retired. He was a native of Grass Valley.

PLACER GROUP IN ANTI-JAP ACTION

The Placer County Grand Jury filed a report recommending no Japanese except servicemen in uniform be permitted to return to California for the duration of the war. It also recommended the deportation of all Japanese aliens at the conclusion of the war. The resolution was directed to the President of the United States the war department and the Western Defense Council.

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. M. B. JONES

Funeral services were held at Reno today at 2 for Mrs. M. B. Jones, a former Truckee resident, who was associated in the garage business here with her husband. She died at her home in the Nevada city following a protracted illness. She is survived by her husband.

In Sacramento—

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Green have gone to their Sacramento apartment for the winter.

.. Sun .. Beams

by WALTER M. BARRETT

The army and supreme court have ruled that Japs, who since Pearl Harbor have been held in relocation centers, are now entitled to return to the Pacific coast, or go wherever they might desire. Restrictions on those "loyal" to the United States have been removed. Having learned a deal during the past three years about the trustworthiness of the race, a lot of us are wondering who has the awe-inspiring intelligence to tell a loyal Jap from a disloyal one. Certainly any of them would be totally stupid to pre-empt anything but deep love for the United States if it meant his unrestricted freedom. The power which will determine the loyalty of these people have a real responsibility on their hands—one which will not alone determine the freedom of the Japs, but the welfare and safety of hundreds or thousands of our men in the service. The cunning cruelty shown by the race makes us pause and wonder if stretching our generous democracy this far is really the wise thing to do at this critical time. We feel that such charity would not be contemplated if the situation was reversed and the Americans in Japan sought similar freedom.

If you ever doubt the power of a good press agent and publicity, listen to Sinatra sing sometime.

Swiftly approaching is our third consecutive wartime Christmas. In the past three years we have poured billions of dollars into the greedy lap of Mars, money which before the war we could not collect for most necessary humanitarian purposes. We have sacrificed thousands of young men on the altar of hate and waste. We have done this and continue to do it in the name of freedom and democracy, and no doubt in an overall picture in which this war may be only a small black mark on the pages of history, the end may well justify the means, but it's hard particularly at Christmas time to justify any part of war which now predominates a Christian world. We can only trust and pray that an end to the fighting will come soon and that peace on earth and good will can again be our Christmas thought and we can again wish each other and the world a merry Christmas in the good old American way—and mean it.

TWO MADE CITIZENS AT NEVADA CITY

Two well known Truckee residents became citizens of the United States at the hearings in Nevada City last Friday. They are Egidio Esola and Francesca Esola, natives of Italy.

URGES IMPROVEMENT OF TAHOE HIGHWAY

Postwar improvements of highways in the Lake Tahoe area, were urged upon the state highway commission by Harry Comstock, Tahoe resort owner and president of the Lake Tahoe Sierra Association.

Comstock asked that the county road from Truckee to Brockway be taken into the highway system with a 15-mile saving over the present state route and improvements be made on roads between Brockway and Tahoe City, Emerald Bay and Tallac and Fallen Leaf.

He said the improvements would make the highways wider and eliminate sharp curves.

Returns Home—

A. (Slim) Elliott returned Tuesday from a month's vacation in Sacramento and Red Bluff.

Copers Here—

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cooper and family have returned after spending several months in Santa Rosa.

At San Rafael—

Mrs. Charles Cabona is planning to spend the winter at San Rafael.

On Visit—

Mrs. Donald Hansen is visiting relatives in the bay district.

Out of Hospital—

Frank Kearney, Jr., has recently been released from the hospital after he was injured when he fell from a tank while on the Oakland-Roseville run with the S.P. about three weeks ago.

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Leland S. Smith, associate forester on the Tahoe National Forest, retired from active duty December 14 completing approximately 40 years of governmental service.

Programs Are Planned

The Truckee Parents and Teachers Association is sponsoring the Yule program to be presented tomorrow Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the grammar school auditorium, featuring students from both the grammar and high school. The program is being arranged by the committee headed by the president, Mrs. Robert Pimley.

The program:

Song, Jingle Bells, school; Playlet Santa Claus, Toy Shop, first, second and third grades; Playlet, The Christmas Tree, freshmen; Reading, Just Before Christmas, Bert Weedon; Song, White Christmas, chorus; Minstrel, Gentlemen Be Seated, Mr. Martin; Song, Jolly Old St. Nicholas school; Playlet, Scenes from a Bird's Christmas Carol, sophomores; Song Santa Claus is Coming to Town chorus; Playlet, White Christmas juniors and seniors; Song, Silent Night, chorus.

The public is invited to the affair

The following program will be presented at the Community Church on Christmas eve, December 24, it has been announced by Mrs. Hazel Brandlin, who is in charge.

Anthem by choir, Hail, O Morn of a King; Scripture Mt. 2: 1-10; Prayer, by the pastor; "Star of the East" (piano) Mrs. George Kamp; Announcements and offering; Dialogue, Ruth Osburn, Darlene Johnson, Tommy Dolley, Kenneth Osburn, Frankie Giovannoni, Charles, Wesley and Dennis Byers, Donald Brunk; Greeting, the three Allen children; No Room in the Inn, Allen Brunk; Anthem, Do You Hear Them?; The Best Gift, Lois Adey; He Understands, Marjorie Hocker; Solo, Jingle Bells, Irene Englehart; My Christmas Wish, Lois Brandlin; Recitation, Gary Brunk; Anthem, The Chorus of the Sky.

Your Christmas Presents, Gertrude Waters; The Forward March, Charles Grigg; A Nice Christmas Gift, Constance Kolb; God's Way, Howard Painter; How Much Room? Betty Copeland; Anthem, Joy Comes to Earth; The Christmas Wish, John Brandlin, Jr.; A Wonderful Star, Georgann Grigg; You Can't Fool Santa, Willard Painter; Anthem, The Christmas Light.

When Jesus is Within, LaVerne Hocker; An Old Fashioned Wish, Harriett Tackett; The Sweet Old Story, Ronald Gausche; Piano solo Lois Brandlin; Recitation, Dick Loynd; Christmas, Viola Anderson; Just a Little Child, Dawn Diemer; How our carols came to be written Alice Waters, Harvey Hocker; Hark the Herald Angels Sing, coronet and piano accompaniment; It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Congregation. Presentation of gifts.

MRS. BUDDLE FETES STAR MEMBERS HERE

A lovely Christmas party was given by Mrs. Theresia Buddle, worthy matron to the members of Truckee Chapter No. 116, Order of Eastern Star Tuesday evening.

The lodge room was decorated with a tree, holly berries and there was an exchange of gifts. Christmas carols were sung, accompanied by Mrs. Lois Bryant.

The following members presented a radio skit: Mesdames Deaton, Loynd Zward and Bavier. Mrs. Buddle entertained with a few comic songs accompanied by Mrs. Belle White. The banquet table was nicely decorated with Mrs. Bavier assisting. Mrs. Buddle presented each officer with a silver pin emblematic of each office, D. W. Bowen and G. E. Hofmann receiving note books.

ELWOOD STONE IS GIVEN TRANSFER

Elwood M. Stone, principal clerk of the Tahoe National Forest and a former resident of Truckee, transferred to the Arcadia Equipment Depot as administrative assistant to the depot superintendent, according to a Nevada City report. Stone goes to his new post shortly after January 1. Stone went to work in the Truckee district in 1927 but has been in Nevada City since 1937.

Closes Shop—

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Feathers went to Atascadero Sunday after the former closed his barber shop here.

At Snider Home—

Mrs. Milton Mapes and daughter of Litchfield are visiting Mrs. Mapes parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Snider

Frozen Body Of Missing Man Is Found On Creek

Game Warden Finds Body In Sight of Highway West of Here

In sight of Highway 40 and about 100 yards south of Emigrant Trail Lodge, the body of R. C. (Blackie) Rourke, 53, Truckee restaurant dishwasher, was found Sunday on the bank of Donner creek where he had frozen to death the previous Wednesday morning.

The body was found by Game Warden Bill LaMarr and E. H. Remmer of the state quarantine station, who made a search of the area.

Rourke and Michael Ruane, 62, construction worker, left Truckee late December 12 to go to Andover where the latter had been employed. Already well fortified with liquor they took along a quart of whiskey which they consumed on the trip in near zero weather.

In making the search, LaMarr said the story was well written in the snow. They found a place in Cold Stream where the two men had sat down, evidently after falling into the water. There they nearly completed the whiskey, the bottle being found nearby. Scattered cigarette papers and a full sack of tobacco showed their futile attempts to roll a smoke.

The trail turned north across the Donner creek meadow. Ruane went over the bridge and secured aid at Emigrant Trail, but their trails had parted and Rourke came to Donner Creek where it was about three feet deep. He evidently sat down on the bank and fell asleep and there the body was found four days later.

Coroner Alvah Hooper came over from Nevada City for the body. Rourke had worked here for the past four months, according to Constable N. F. Doley who made the investigation.

LIONS ENJOY YULE PARTY AT MEET; GIFTS RECEIVED

Members of the Truckee Lions club last night enjoyed their annual Christmas party and with Chairman A. P. Leitch in charge, the affair proved an outstanding success.

A welcomed surprise on the program was a vocal solo by little Miss Irene Englehart, who sang two numbers, accompanied by her father. The young vocalist well deserved the big applause given her. Frank Gallenine gave a reading, "The Night After Christmas", which should serve as a warning. Gifts were distributed to the members by Santa Claus Pace after which W. M. Englehart, Sr. presented date books with the compliments of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. The hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ciardella presented champagne as a closing treat.

H. T. Langille presided and the guests included T. T. Buell, Harrie Tackett, Tony Reynolds and Signalman Robert Leamon all of Truckee

WIFE OF FORMER SUMMIT MAN KILLED

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church at Dutch Flat at 2:30 p.m. Sunday for Mr. Hazel Eugene Herrold, a former resident of Alta and wife of Claude Frank Herrold, for many years in charge of the Donner Summit CAA station who died at Santa Monica December 10 following injuries suffered when she was hit by an automobile.

Mrs. Herrold was crossing a street near her home when an automobile driven by a woman hit her and she was dragged 200 feet before the car stopped. She died the following morning at the hospital.

Mrs. Herrold was a native of Oslo Norway and is survived by her husband; her mother, Mrs. Sophia Larsen and her sister, Mrs. George Hager of Alta. She was 40 years of age.

RAIN ADDS TO OVER NORMAL MOISTURE

A drenching rain which dissipated much of the earlier snow fell over this region Tuesday and Wednesday and added 1.90 inches of precipitation to make the season's total 10.05, according to H. I. Snider, Truckee forest ranger. The precipitation to date is nearly five inches over normal, Snider said.

There is now less than 10 inches of snow on Donner Summit and less than five in the Truckee area.



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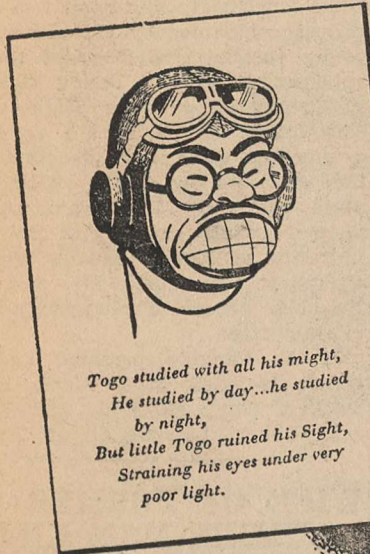
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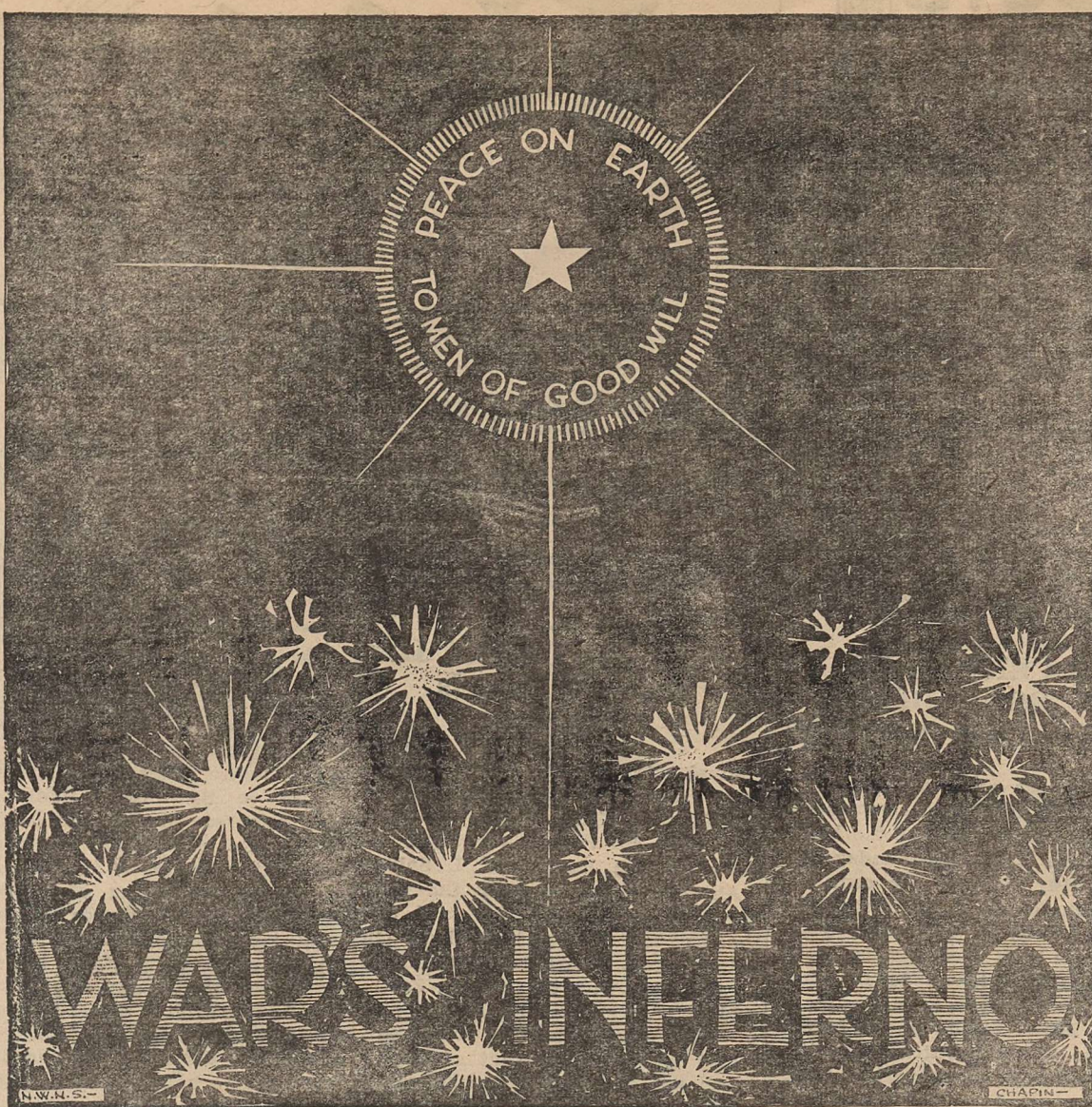
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The government figures show that there are now approximately 23,750,000 privately owned passenger cars and the Office of Defense Transportation estimates that a minimum of 20,000,000 in the hands of essential drivers are needed to keep civilian economy operating.

That excess of 3,750,000 might sound like enough to keep us going for a while. But the immediate danger lies in this fact: the cars which are getting the hardest use, and are consequently closest to the graveyard, are those owned by essential drivers, whereas the best running cars and the least used are in the hands of non-essential drivers.

The ODT has not recently mentioned the possibility of commandeering cars from non-essential drivers for use of essential drivers, but that may be the only way out if cars continue to break down at the present rate. The only way to avoid it is for everyone, including essential users, to use their cars as little as possible and have them as well cared for as possible.

JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT

THIS Christmas finds us a little more solemn, a little more thoughtful, but nevertheless caught up in the holiday spirit. The Christmas season is irresistible. It carries a message for everybody.

To children, Christmas means a tree with mysterious white packages beneath it. Children have an unquestioning faith in good St. Nick who will mount the housetop, come down the chimney and fill their stockings. They find a new joy in the act of giving as well as receiving and beg their mothers to help them choose a present for grandmother and the other members of the family. To older people Christmas is no longer candy canes and white packages. It is rather the time when family ties are strengthened and when security and well-being, no matter how unstable and temporary these days, is appreciated. Though the Christmas be meager, the season is filled with the holiday feeling.

There is need for the spirit of Christmas this year. It is a unifying force. No matter where they are, in churches, in homes, or on battlefields, people are drawn together on Christmas Eve. In large crowds, or in small isolated groups, they sing the same carols and listen to the same story of the star, the angels, and the wise men. Again in 1944, American churches, American schools and homes will ring to the sound of "Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant." May "joyful and triumphant" be the Christmas message and prophecy for 1945.

RADIO TESTS BEING MADE ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC IN SIERRA NEVADA AREA

The adaptability of radio communication to certain trains and terminal operations has been under test on Southern Pacific lines for some time. The company announced this week following completion of extensive experiments in the Sierra Nevada mountains and the San Joaquin Valley. Other tests under the supervision of A. W. Flanagan, superintendent of telegraph for the railroad, are expected to be held later.

Southern Pacific was among the first railroads to use radio in train operations, it was pointed out, the

company having installed two licensed transmitters near the summit in 1939, where they are now available for emergency communications with fire fighting and snow fighting trains.

The recent experiments were conducted with ultra high frequency radio in terminals and over the Sierra and with induction telephone, or wired radio, in the San Joaquin Valley. Communication tested were from end to end of trains and from moving trains to wayside stations during actual operations, according to the announcement.

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At the regular meeting of the board of directors of Bank of America N. T. & S. A. this week, regular dividends were declared for the current semi-annual period on both the common and the cumulative preferred stock. Dividend on the common stock was \$1.20 for the six months at the regular annual rate of \$2.40 per share and on the preferred stock \$1 for the six months at the regular annual rate of \$2 per share. Payment is to be made on December 30 to shareholders of record as of December 15.

Other matters were of routine nature.

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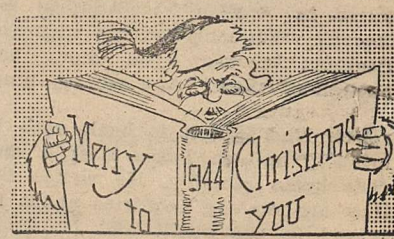
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CLOSING ENTERTAINMENT IS PRESENTED AT TAHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TAHOE CITY, Dec. 21.—A packed auditorium greeted students of the elementary grades and their teacher, Mrs. Myrtle Gallinger of the Tahoe Lake school when they presented their closing of school entertainment Saturday night.

The program opened with the rendition of a medley of Christmas songs and carols by the school orchestra under the direction of Otto Fox, the instructor, which was followed by the popular Trolley Car tune, Billie Callender distinguishing himself with his trumpet playing.

Then followed a number of class songs and recitations, with a Yuletide theme and a Christmas play. Barbara Woolley gave a beautiful flute solo, accompanied on the piano by Peg E. Stuart.

The pantomimes which followed featuring white robed and white winged angels on a graduated platform on either side of the stage were the most striking ever produced by the children. The dimmed footlights were the only lighting effect used and playing in their long white trumpets seemed realistic as Billie Callender backstage rendered a beautiful trumpet solo of Silent Night. The second pantomime featured the story of the Nativity with the coming of the shepherds and the wise men with their gifts. Stage settings were most appropriate and a vote of thanks goes to the mothers who aided in making the entertainment the liveliest of its kind at Tahoe.

At the conclusion of the program, Chester Langenstein of the Tahoe Telephone exchange accompanied by Mrs. Robertson, led the community singing of popular songs and hymns and favored the assembly with a

TAHOE WEATHER

The level of the lake Sunday stood at 6225.88 with 234 CSF of water leaving the gates.

Seven inches of snow remain on the ground at Tahoe City with more in the outlying region.

Coldest days of the week were December 12 and 13 when the temperature dropped to 15.

Rain was falling Tuesday morning.

CAPTAIN HANSEN HOST AT FAMOUS TURKEY DINNER

TAHOE CITY, Dec. 21.— Captain Hans Hansen of Rubicon Lodge on Sunday entertained at one of his famous turkey dinners, guests who shared his hospitality including Mr. and Mrs. Henry Soll of Pine Lodge, Mrs. R. Tackett, Miss Minola Tackett and Miss Olson of Reno, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sayre of Meeks Bay, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tiedemann and daughter Shirley of Chambers Lodge and James Hersine of Meeks Bay.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all the patrons of the Tahoe exchange for their patience and consideration with the new operators this summer and also for the many lovely remembrances.

Miss Eunice Duffee.

Mrs. George Tiffie of Tahoe City spent the weekend in town with her family. A teacher at the Donner Summit school, her class of ten pupils held their closing of school exercises and party last Wednesday at Soda Springs Hotel.

number of solos accompanying himself on a banjo. Then Santa Claus in the person of Stanley Martin, arrived with candy and popcorn balls and apples for all.

TAHOE LETTER

To the Service Men

From SWANEE

Tahoe City, Calif.
December 17th

Dear Tahoeites:

Another lovely Sunday is drawing to a close, with good weather still the order of the day. I'm back home again and grand it seems, for after traveling about on crowded buses and streetcars the fresh pine-scented air and quiet peace of my Sierra Nevada are a distinct relief.

Regrettably we left Paicines and the soft rolling green foothills of the Cienega range where on a distant peak stands a white cross marking the spot where General Remont made camp when he passed that way, and beautiful Al Ranch. Upon arriving in San Francisco I immediately made an appointment to make another donation to the Red Cross blood bank, the operation taking about two hours time. Discovered several things while there, one that I can only make blood donations for another five months when the age limit rules me off. Received my silver pin this time and signed the roll of honor and discovered that I belong to the usual type A-1 plasma donors.

According to new rules, donors may dedicate their offering to some service man and my first since Pearl Harbor Day went to my old friend, Pvt. Eric Druhn. Those having more universal type O have the gratification of knowing that their blood is sent whole directly to the fighting fronts for transfusion. It was a heartwarming sight to see the crowd of San Franciscans who jammed the Red Cross quarters, many of them having visited and donated twenty or more times. It is sincerely regretted that a Red Cross unit cannot be established in our vicinity for I know there would be a rush of willing donors, but it seems the enormous cost is prohibitive. Can only say that I am very proud of my silver pin and only regret that I am not younger to continue on indefinitely.

Upon arriving home I found, besides numerous cards and letters, a grand box of delicious Washington apples from our Timberland neighbors the M. A. Lopes family of San Leandro. They are certainly yum-yummy.

Don't know if there will be room to cover all the service news which has accumulated since I left, but will run in all I can in the allotted space.

Had a card from Cpl. Rodney Yeakel, giving his new APO address which means that Rod probably will be hanging his sock this Christmas on foreign soil. And friends here also believe that Sgt. Billy Becholdt who sends an APO address has joined his brothers in arms across the water. To both we say may your holidays be pleasant ones.

Hear this week that Cpl. Leslie Atherton finally arrived at Reno only to be placed in sick bay while an annoying boil on his nose subsides. One nice thing about his unexpected rest in that his furlough does not begin officially until after he has been discharged by the medicals, thus giving him a few precious more days in the midst of civilization.

Interesting, too, was the letter from Sherwood Prusso who is now recuperating from an operation on his arm. He carries it in a sling yet and it will be several weeks before he can start using it, his period of waiting being lengthened by a slipup during the operation. Nothing serious however and he hopes soon to be as good as new. He confirmed the humor which reached me concerning his recent romance. But being an optimist, he already has a new gal friend whom he promises to introduce to his Tahoe friends next summer. He invites the gang to write when they can and I will be happy to pass on his address.

While in San Francisco spent one night as the guest of Commander and Mrs. George Mawdsley at their Bay street apartment. While there we were joined by Mrs. Lee Druhn who brought along the latest two letters she received from her husband, Pvt. Eric Druhn now in the Netherlands East Indies. Hale and hearty, he is heading an electrical brigade and still enjoying his chosen work. He recently was invited, on his first day off in six months, to join his commanding officer and some companions in a sightseeing tour of the island on which his unit is stationed. The trip was most interesting and more than a little rugged before the day was over. It was all they could do to "stay put" on the seat of the junketing jeep which tore through mud puddles, climbed logs and bounced along the crude island roads. The little native villages at which they stopped were quiet with many scars of battle evident in the battered houses and stores. Some of the people spoke English and welcomed the Americans. Eric tried to get some of the beautiful embroidered linens for which they are renowned but could find nothing. At places the party waded through mud up to their knees but despite all the discomforts would not have missed the opportunity. Eric sent an army

issue Christmas card to us and asked that all his local friends be extended a merry Christmas for him.

From down the South Pacific some where came also a very lovely Yule card from Pfc. Donnie Prusso who makes note near a beautiful Hawaiian scene: "It's pretty but it's NOT TAHOE."

Even S 1-c Edna Wheat of the Naval Air Station's dispensary in Norman, Oklahoma, sends Christmas greetings with the hope that they will have snow for Christmas! She says she sure misses the lovely snowy landscape of Tahoe.

And from F 1-c M. Frank Nease and his wife of Camp Parks, came greetings for the holiday season, also from our old friend and neighbor, Helen Clark Park who sends regards to me and mine as well as all their old Tahoe friends. And as an afterthought, she adds: "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas." And how many of you must be echoing her sentiments.

We hear that Douglas Smith, nephew of the N. R. Mayfields, may be receiving his medical discharge very soon from the San Diego hospital where he has undergone a series of illnesses ever since he entered the service as a marine. His family is hoping he will be able to join them for a quiet holiday reunion in Sacramento where he may remain and recuperate.

And lest we forget it, must hasten to add our congratulations to the latest just-weds, Cpl. and Mrs. Doug Barrett, whom we understand at this moment may be heading for home and a REALLY Merry Christmas this year. The best of everything to the both of them and we'll be looking forward to meeting the bride.

Have been saving until the last the very welcome letter I received from Pvt. Blake Goss of Camp Bowie, Tex. He is now studying concrete construction during spare moments with an eye to the future when the war will be over and he returns to help his dad in the construction business. Is doing fine and finds his new project most interesting. Is looking forward to a furlough sometime in the spring. Hopes to hear from some of his old Tahoe friends soon and promises to write often. Don't forget Blake you have a dinner engagement at the Swanson's when you arrive.

Am happy to report that Tahoe's bond drive for the Sixth War Loan has gone over the top as usual. Mrs. Harry Johanson today assured me that we have made our quota with some to spare, thanks to the children of the Tahoe high school who raised a total of \$13,000 of \$1,000 per student. A complete report will not be available until the first of the week but we hope to have it in next week's issue of the Sun.

Just a week from tonight will be Christmas eve, or those with gold stars in their windows it will be a night of painful remembering of other days when their boys were there to share the sacred spirit of America's most beloved holiday. For most of us, however, it will be an occasion calling for devout and sincere supplication that this terrible war may be soon ended, that not only our sons and daughters, but those of all nations may once more know the blessed relief of true "peace on earth, good will to men." Wherever this Christmas Day finds you, at home, in camp, on the high sea or in the hell of battle, may the spirit of the Yuletide reach your heart and the hand of Providence guide you safely through. We send you all our love and every good wish for your happiness and safekeeping.

May God be with you always.
As ever,
SWANEE.

P.S. I just learned today of the marriage of Sgt. Rudolph Stitsen to Mildren Hurd on Tuesday, December 5 at Redondo Beach. Stitsen in the coast artillery at Fort McArthur, is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Mayfield and is well known at the lake where he attended school.

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Groceries : Dairy Produce

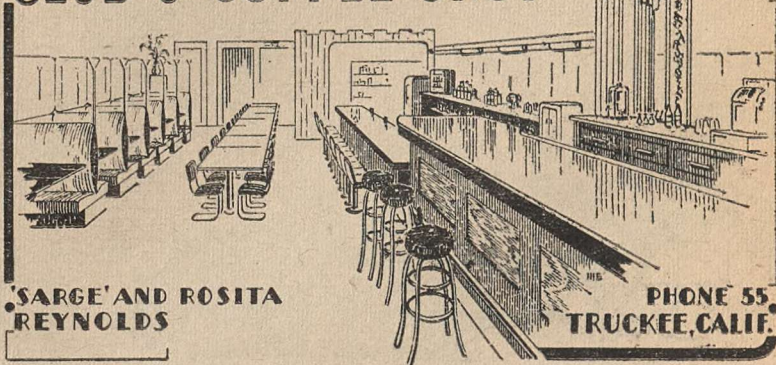
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THE nearness of Yuletide is unmistakable. Whether snow festoons the fir trees or whether earth still awaits its mantle of white, woods and fields, city and town breathe Christmas and its spirit of kindness.

We sincerely hope that the Christmas season of 1944 will be richer for you, fuller, and more satisfying than for many a year, and thank you for twelve months of very pleasant relations.

DONNER SUMMIT LODGE
Art and Fran Couillard



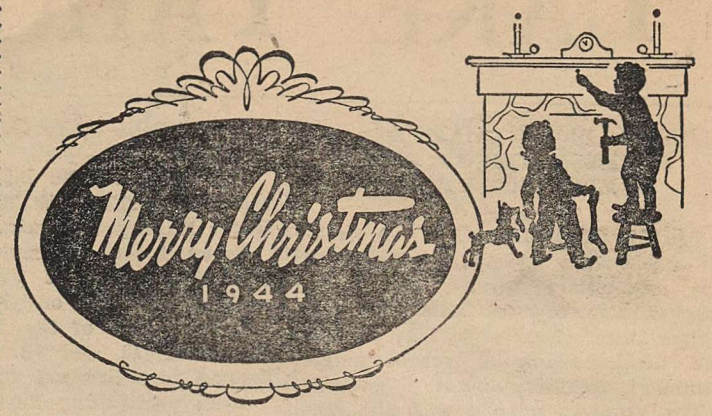
WHAT stauncher tree than the oak, and what stauncher friends than ours? Each year at Christmastime we realize more keenly than ever that our success in this community is deeply rooted in the firm soil of friendship. We cannot tell you in so many words how much these friendly associations mean to us, and how we cherish them. But we know you will understand.

In this spirit of appreciation we send our sincere good Christmas wishes to you and to all those dear to you.
BANK OF AMERICA, N.T. & S.A.



TO EVERYBODY
ALL the good old fashioned spirit of the season is expressed in this hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS.

You've been the best of friends to us in 1944 and here's wishing for you the very best!
SIERRA TAVERN
Mr. and Mrs. DeLisle



WE HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more.

Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!



D. C. ABONA



At this season we should all subject ourselves to re-examination, to see if good fellowship and kindness still survive as a practical combination to bring happiness to the human heart. Each of us holds in his hands the key to this combination. Let us use it during this Christmas season of 1944, to help transform dreams into realities.

May we add our glad Christmas greetings to the many which are finding their way to you?

THE CITY TRANSFER

C. E. Smith

Earl Smith



MAY the blessings of God be with you, our friends, and with all of us... in our souls and upon our hearths. We can offer no more gracious greeting this Yuletide.

THE DONNER
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SLEIGHBELLS TINKLING DOWN OLD ROADS, FARM HOMES GLEAMING IN THE DARK, THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS BROODING OVER THE LAND. YES, 'TIS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL MEN ARE KIN.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE MERRY AND BRIGHT, AND THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS THIS HAPPY SEASON BRINGS.

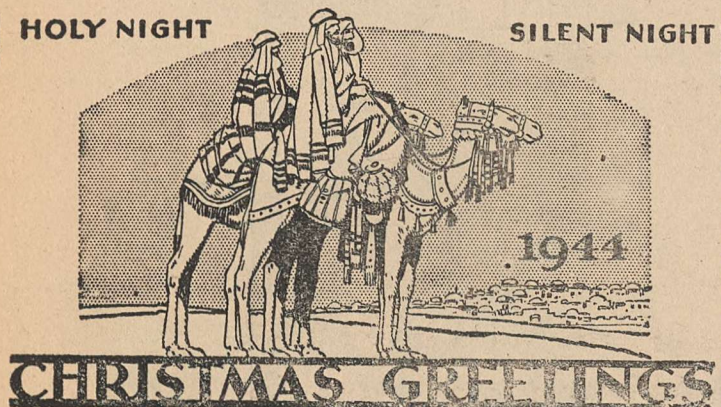
THE DONNER HOTEL



HARK, THE ANGEL VOICES!

May the sweet old Christmas story bring to you this year a deeper meaning... a larger store of its joy and peace and gladness than it ever has before.

MARY'S BEAUTY
SHOP



★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours.

GATEWAY MOTEL



All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes... our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

TRUCKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



LOYALTY works both ways. You have been loyal to us, and we are loyal to you.

To you, our friends, who have so helped us to make 1944 successful, we send the friendliest of

CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS
DR. J. H. BERNARD



We've got it on good authority that this town is among the first along Santa Claus' route, and that he's scheduled to make a long stop here!

We hope that "Santa Claus will be good to you," and that this holiday time will be one of exceptional joy and happiness to you and your family.

THE PASTIME CLUB



Christmas trees are again gleaming in the windows! Just about time for us to be thinking of how much we are indebted to you.

And just about time for us to call upon two little words that carry more cheer and good will than all the big words that have ever been coined—

Merry Christmas

JOE MATTOS



Hearty and cheery
And happy and true,
An ever so fervent
Merry Christmas to
you! " " "

TRUCKEE LIONS
CLUB



... It's Christmas!
So Let's Celebrate!

Let's celebrate by recalling on every day what Christmas is and what it means. Let's celebrate by never doubting that eventually Good shall triumph. Let's celebrate by making children happy and by opening our hearts to those in need.

That's the way to have the Merry Christmas we wish for you.

H. G. LOEHR



There's a joy in the heart That sets Christmas apart, To make it a day of all days. And may its true peace And good will never cease To bless you in manifold ways.

TRUCKEE- TAHOE
ROTARY CLUB



Christmas of 1944 is going to be a BIG Christmas. See if we aren't right.

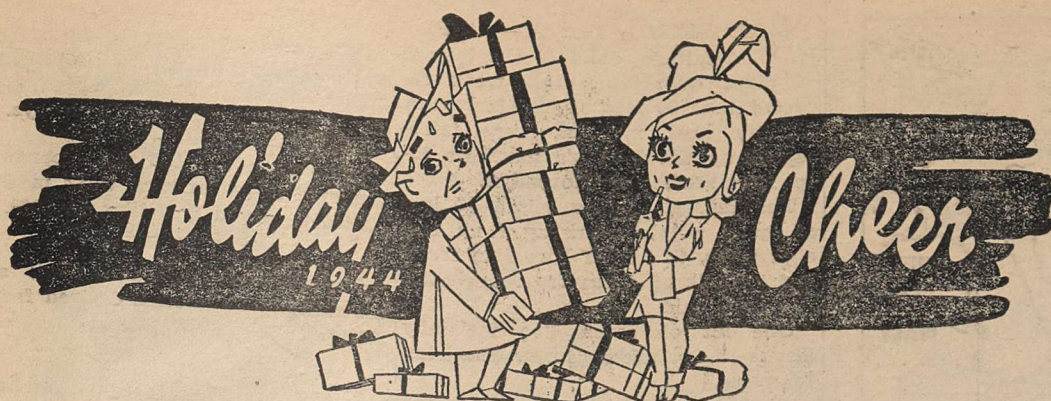
May YOUR Christmas be bounteous and full of good cheer, and may our greeting and best wishes add just a little to your pleasure this Yuletide.

DRS. C.C. and A.A.
COZZALIO



Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

HARRIE TACKETT
SHELL OIL SERVICE STATION



THE confusion, the bustle and indecision of the holidays is now over. The last gift has finally been selected, the last package wrapped, tagged and duly be-ribboned. Now let's settle down to the real enjoyment of Christmas.



We want you to get just what you want and to be just as happy as you can be. We want you to be happier this Christmas of 1944 than you have ever been before. As for us, we are more grateful to you this Christmas than ever before, for it marks a peak in our pleasant relations. We could not allow this important occasion to slip by without wishing you all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FONTANA'S LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANERS



Turkey and cranberry sauce and plum pudding are symbols of the lighter side of Christmas. We want you to have these, too, this Yule season of 1944, plus all the other joys that give Christmas-time its transcendent glory.

We welcome this opportunity to extend to each and all our heartiest greetings.



THORNTON'S GARAGE



EACH CHRISTMAS as it comes and goes proves anew that love is the only binding power of the world. In these dark days of late December when the brightness of smiles make ample amends for lack of brightness overhead, we again send our most hearty Christmas Greetings.

GEORGE'S CAFE



Christmas Cheer to All!

★ Holly and mistletoe, soft lights and Christmas trees, gifts that mean an outpouring of the spirit. Santa Claus is coming!

With gratitude for your continued friendship we pause during this busy Christmas season of 1944 to wish you the happiest Christmas of them all.

FRANK KINNE

Christmas Greetings 1944



"Now all our neighbors' chimneys smoke,
And Christmas blocks are burning;
Their ovens they with baked-meat choke,
And all their spits are turning.
Without the door let sorrow lye,
And if for cold it hap to die
We'll bury it in Christmas pie,
And evermore be merry."



ANDREA ARMATI



EVER THAT SAME STAR

★ The wise men saw it over the hills of old Judea . . . it glows in the Christmas sky tonight, though clouds may obscure the heavens. It is a beacon of hope in a world in which there is ever so much room for improvement. Its spirit travels around this earth, encouraging, sustaining, and beautifying.

Our Christmas greeting to every man, woman and child in this community . . . a greeting as warm and hearty—we hope—as if it were made to each in person with a friendly smile and a shake of the hand.

THE TRUCKEE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT



There is something in the very season of the year that gives charm to the festivity of Christmas.

—WASHINGTON IRVING



★ Whether Christmas be white or green, we hope it will be full of charm for you and yours, with an abundance of all the good things that are part of happy Yuletide . . .

LOYND'S TRUCKEE DRUG



CHRISTMAS AGAIN!



Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?

At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!

TONY'S COFFEE SHOP
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THE STAR IN THE EAST



Down through the ages has come the story of the shepherds tending their flocks at night, awed by the Star in the East.

During this sacred season, mellowed by the thought of those who cannot be with us, we have abundant reason for gratitude. We have come a long way since the dark Christmas of 1941. The Star in the East shines brighter now.

That this may, indeed, be a Merry Christmas for you and yours is our ardent wish.

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★ Christmas is here. And once more we find ourselves at a loss for words to express how we feel about your loyalty to us during 1944. But we know you will understand.

We wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best that this happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.

ROY FEATHERS



★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American—to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful myth of Santa Claus. ★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.



THE DONNER THEATER
Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Shattuck

Tahoe Briefs

By SWANEE

Home for the holidays is Miss Anita Gebhardt who teaches school at Tracy. She will visit with her mother Mrs. Alice Gebhardt of Tahoe City.

Rob Watson left for Clarksville more than a week ago where he received a painful back injury while working on the grounds for his new home.

Miss Eunice Duffee of Lake Forest retires from her post at the Tahoe telephone exchange for the season Monday and plans soon to accompany her parents, the Joseph Duffees to Sacramento for a family reunion over the holidays. Chester Langenstein and his brother Glenn will carry on during the winter at the switchboard.

Mrs. Chester Langenstein who has been undergoing special treatment at Steamboat Springs after many weeks at Mercy Hospital in Sacramento is recuperating from injuries received in a fall here. She is looking forward to spending a few days at Christmas time with her husband at Tahoe but must return to the springs for further treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carnell have decided not to move to Truckee for the winter as previously planned, but instead are remodeling a cabin on their newly purchased property near Lake Inn.

Fred Settlely of Lake Forest is enjoying a vacation in San Leandro and the bay region.

James Wilson visited his Tahoe Cedars home over the weekend. Pvt. Al Henry of Stockton Airfield spent the weekend with his family at Tahoe.

SACRAMENTO, (Dec. 21.— (UP)— Beer sales in California during September totaled 13,061,529 gallons. George M. Stout, state liquor law administrator, reported today.

The figure included 1,807,532 gallons of imported beer and 11,253,997 of California manufacture. In addition California brewers exported 1,547,285 gallons, Stout said.

Six Months After Invasion of Europe



This series of maps show, in graphic manner, the process of the Allied invasion of western Europe since establishment of the first beachhead in Normandy on June 6, 1944. That first map shows where the American, British and Canadian shock troops hacked out the first foothold and began the drive to capture the Cherbourg peninsula. Next map, made a month later, shows how the Cherbourg peninsula has been secured, but the British were having trouble at Caen. August 6 saw thrusts toward the key ports of Brittany and the crucial breakthrough at St. Lo. A month later saw a great portion of the map of France blacked in by the Allies. Southern France, too, had been invaded and the Germans were on the run. October 6 saw all but a tiny bit of France freed of Nazis. November saw the opening of the great port of Antwerp after the approaches had been cleared by the bloody battle of Walcheren.

Capitol Week

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.— (UP)— It was appointment week in the Capitol last week as Governor Earl Warren filled half a dozen vacancies in the court system and on state boards.

To the state supreme court, the governor appointed Justice Homer R. Spence of the first district court of appeals to succeed Jesse W. Curtis who will retire on January 1.

Spence, whose home is in Alameda has been a judge for 15 years, first in the superior court of Alameda and then on the appellate court in San Francisco. He previously practiced law in San Francisco.

He will be Warren's first appointee on the court. In contrast, former Gov. Culbert Olson filled four vacancies on the high court during his four year term.

Superior Judge C. J. Goodell of San Francisco was named to the appellate court vacancy left by Spence and the governor rounded out the week with two appointments to the San Francisco municipal court.

Onto the state horse racing board went Lloyd Wright, well known Los Angeles attorney. He replaces C. E. Cooper of Beverly Hills whose term had expired. His appointment gives Warren-named members a majority on the three-member board, since the governor earlier had appointed Dwight Murphy of Santa Barbara.

A Negro insurance executive of Los Angeles, Norman O. Houston was appointed to the state athletic commission which rules amateur and professional boxing in the state. He succeeds Jules J. Covey of Hollywood, present chairman of the commission.

Meantime, the state fish and game commission appointed Emil J. N. Ott, Jr., of Sacramento, to be its executive secretary replacing George P. Miller of Oakland, who won election to congress last month. Ott has been active in conservation affairs in northern California.

State selective service headquarters carrying out the "work or fight" national draft policy, announced that increasing numbers of men 26 and over will be inducted in future months.

The policy, Colonel K. H. Leitch, state draft director, said, will result in a closer look by local boards at men in non-essential jobs. Men who have occupational deferments because of essential work will retain them unless they drop into non-essential work.

The state board of equalization tackled the knotty problem of how much food a bar should serve to comply with the constitutional requirement that by-the-drink liquor sales should take place only in "public eating places."

There is no specific answer to the problem, the board held, and liquor enforcement officers should take into account readiness to serve food in deciding whether a taver is a public saloon and so operating illegally. The employment stabilization com-

mission suggested to a senate interim committee that unemployment insurance coverage should be extended an employee of one or more persons. Employers of less than four persons now are exempt from the act.

President Roosevelt's victory over Governor Dewey in California was by a margin of 475,599 votes, official figures compiled by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan's office disclosed. Roosevelt's victory over Wendell Willkie in 1940 was by a margin of 526,199 votes.

House and Home

By MARY E. DAGUE

IF YOU put off trimming your evergreens at the appointed time you can justify your procrastinations now because those trimmings will make charming wreaths and festoons in the house.

Mixed wreaths are lovely using sprays of fir, cedar and hemlock. Select well-shaped sprays about six or seven inches long. Then begin at the top of your hoop which can be made of strong wire, two or three thicknesses of cardboard cut from a suit box or even newspapers twisted firmly. Make the wreath nice and full, turning the tips of the sprays first to the inside of the circle and then to the outside and keeping the woody stems firmly bound to the hoop.

After you have made your green wreath you can give it color by working in bunches of holly or rose haws or bitter-sweet or pepper berries or barberries, depending on where you live and what you have at hand.

To make festoons for draping on mantels and over doorways, fasten the sprays of evergreens on strong light rope; a clothesline is good. Stretch the rope between two kitchen chairs, allowing two or three more inches than you want the finished festoon to be in length. A light-weight wire or strong cord can be used to bind the sprays on the rope.

When you hang your festoons, work in a bunch of color or a cluster of pine cones where you fasten them.

Small, colorful fruits are charming worked into wreaths. Tiny bright red apples, clusters of kumquats, tangerines and grapes can be wired to the center of the wreath and are most attractive in the rich green background.

Keep your wreaths symmetrical, and add whatever color you use carefully, preserving a nice balance.

Outdoors, fill your window boxes with sturdy branches of various evergreens. Place the ends in wet sand to hold them where you want them and to keep them fresh.

This same idea is good for the indoor Christmas tree, too, if you have no regular stand. Center the tree in a deep pail and then fill the pail with sand. Add water, with a little sugar, so the tree will hold its needles longer.

A handsome spray of pine or spruce makes an effective decoration for the front door. Work some pine cones through its needles and tie it to the knocker with a splashy gay red bow.

A string of round sleighbells is another idea for your front door. Use the strap on which the bells are strung for your base and fasten sprays of evergreen to it to make a green background for the bells.

FRUIT FLY INTERCEPTED ON CALIFORNIA BORDERS

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.— (UP)— H. M. Armitage, chief of the bureau of plant quarantine, this week reported that 96 lots of Mediterranean fruit-fly host material were intercepted by the bureau's maritime inspection service in November.

The inspectors also seized 10 lots of sweet potatoes arriving from foreign ports, 43 lots of Hawaiian fruits and six lots of citrus from Australia, Armitage said.

One lot of seven live melon-fly larvae was taken from Hawaiian tomatoes.

At border inspection stations, the sweet potato weevil, oriental fruit moth larvae, coconut scale, pecan nut weevil, apple maggot, cotton boll weevil and European corn borer larvae were taken, Armitage said.

The word "magician" is derived from the "Magi" or Zoroastrian priests of ancient Iran.

Seventy-five per cent of all street and highway traffic in California occurs on not more than ten per cent of its streets and highways.

There were 1,002,000 more persons employed in government work in the United States in 1943 than in 1939.

California ranks 45th among all the states in tax income derived from motor vehicle registration.

Glass-windowed boxes, resembling small fire alarm boxes, are placed at frequent intervals on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge so that distressed motorists may summon a tow car.

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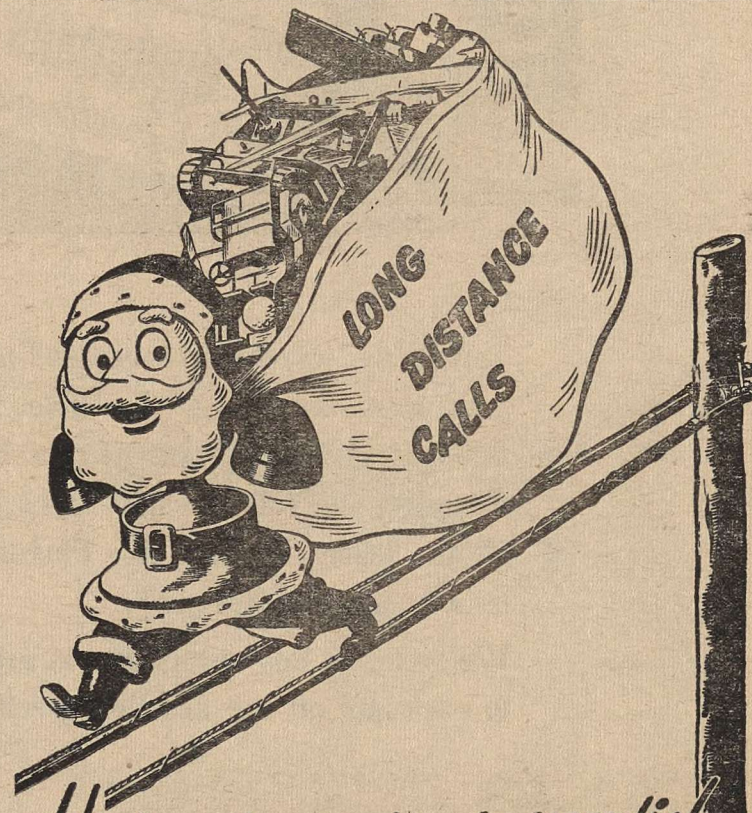
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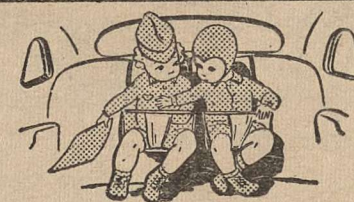
He has thousands of *essential*
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Commercial Row Truckee Telephone 50

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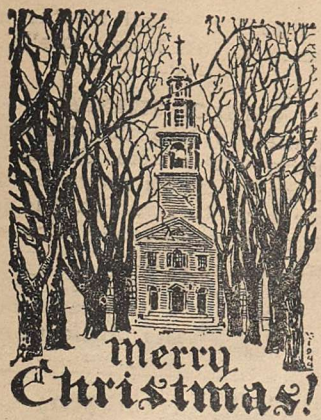
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Christmas of 1944 is going to be a BIG Christmas. See if we aren't right.

May YOUR Christmas be bounteous and full of good cheer, and may our greeting and best wishes add just a little to your pleasure this Yuletide.

R. N. McCORMACK
County Clerk



★ Christmas is here. And once more we find ourselves at a loss for words to express how we feel about your loyalty to us during 1944. But we know you will understand.

We wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best that this happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.

THEODORE KOEHLER, JR.
Public Administrator



★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American—to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful myth of Santa Claus. ★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.

WE THANK YOU

SIERRA BUILDERS SUPPLY COMPANY

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LOADS OF HAPPINESS TO YOU!

CHRISTMAS AGAIN!



Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?

At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!

MISS ELMA HECKER
County Treasurer



"Now all our neighbors' chimneys smoke,
And Christmas blocks are burning;
Their ovens they with baked-meat choke,
And all their spits are turning.
Without the door let sorrow lye,
And if for cold it hap to die
We'll bury it in Christmas pie,
And evermore be merry."

ALVAH HOOPER
County Coroner

GREETINGS

FROM US TO YOU!



† † Dusk...
Christmas Eve...
children moving about stealthily,
wide-eyed and expectant... you know the signs.

Christmas is here, let us all be merry, for it comes but once a year.

With gratitude for your kind favors during 1944 we send you heartiest Christmas greetings.

THE SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

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P. G. SCADDEN
County Assessor

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There's a joy in the heart
That sets Christmas apart,
To make it a day of all days.
And may its true peace
And good will never cease
To bless you in manifold ways.



★ There will be a halo over the homes of America this Christmas radiating from the new hope for the world.

That your Christmas season may be both joyous and happy is the sincere wish of

THE ROTARY OIL AND BURNER COMPANY



★ Whether Christmas be white or green, we hope it will be full of charm for you and yours, with an abundance of all the good things that are part of happy Yuletide...

When all is said and done the eternal quest of human beings is for happiness. Our wish for you in 1945 is for more happiness—more than you have ever known before, whether that happiness be in gainful occupation or the attainment of some long desired goal.

Thank you for having remembered us so generously during the past year.

TRUCKEE- TAHOE LUMBER COMPANY
Truckee and Tahoe City

North Tahoe News . . .

By MADELINE GALLERANI

Joseph Gallehany, injured veteran of Guadalcanal, was operated upon Tuesday at the Veterans' Hospital at Reno for a bad appendix and according to the telephone conversation received by his sister, two appendix were found, one attached to his spine,

the other in the usual place. No other word has been received to verify this rare condition.

D. C. Barnett is reported to be ill at his home.

Miss Annie Gallerani returned to Sacramento Sunday after a week's visit with relatives here.

Plans are under way for a "watch party" to be given at the Community

Hall, Sunday evening, December 31. The public is invited.

Mrs. C. E. Mandeville fractured her ankle last Sunday while skiing near Spooner Summit.

Mrs. Herbert T. King will head the Red Cross sewing project next fall. Mrs. C. Matthews is retiring chairman of this worthy work.

Before going to Los Angeles with her husband, Mrs. J. Rapier gave a Christmas tea for 14 of her friends. The afternoon was devoted to bridge and other games. Refreshments followed the chosen motif and the buffet table was the center of attraction. The hostess was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Ballard.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer LeBallister have moved to Reno for the winter. Mr. LeBallister is manager of the theaters in that city.

The LeBallisters plan to spend the Christmas holiday with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Allison and grandchildren, Maxine and Louise at Larkspur, Calif.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 16 a Christmas party sponsored by the Mothers' Club with community contributions was held here. Santa appeared late in the evening with a well filled bag of presents, candies and nuts. The large gathering enjoyed the dancing, community singing and buffet refreshments following the enjoyable program which follows:

Opening, pledge to the flag; a poem Bobby and I, by Cathy Hall and Bustor Mandeville; A fashion show that

was the hit of the evening, with the following boys in feminine finery—Fred Redinger, Norman King, Broue O'Brien and Bill Petersen; "Jingle Bells" by Karen and Joan Decker Janice and Phillip Mandeville; Poem Christmas Wants, Dick Mandeville; "Little Brown Bunny" by J. Mandeville; Santa's Land by Marvin Gallerani, a skit; another skit by the upper grade girls; songs by Irene and Annie Gallerani, who were accompanied by John Heffernan; Skit, Two Doctors Operate, Bill Hall Norman King and Roger Colton, Jr and Christmas Carols by the assembly.



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Church Notes

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

In all Christian Science churches branches of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., a Lesson-Sermon will be read Sunday, December 24 on the subject "Jesus Christ." The Golden Text will be: "The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined," (Isa. 9:2).

Community Church

Mrs. Hazel Brandlin in Charge
10 a.m. Sunday School. Classes for all ages.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
7 p.m. Special Christmas program.

Transferred—
Vernon Pearson of Sacramento and former S.P. roadmaster at Truckee, is being transferred to San Luis Obispo in the same capacity effective January 1. The Pearsons made their home here for several months and the family is well known locally.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown us during our recent bereavement. The floral pieces were especially nice and we are truly grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cooper and family
Mrs. Annie Cooper.

Catholic Church

Rev. William Daly, Pastor
Mass at Truckee Church — 9:30 a.m.



SELECTED SHORTS ON EACH PROGRAM

Two Shows Nightly—7:15 and 9 p. m.
TELEPHONE TRUCKEE 99

Saturday, December 23
THE FALCON OUT WEST

Tom Conway

Barbara Hale

Sunday, December 24
JANIE

Joyce Reynolds

Robert Hutton

Wednesday, December 27
THE CONSPIRATORS

Hedy Lamarr

Paul Henreid

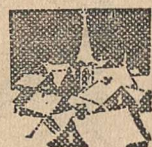


WE HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more.

Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!



GOOD WILL



TONINI'S

DAILY DELIVERIES AT 2 P. M.

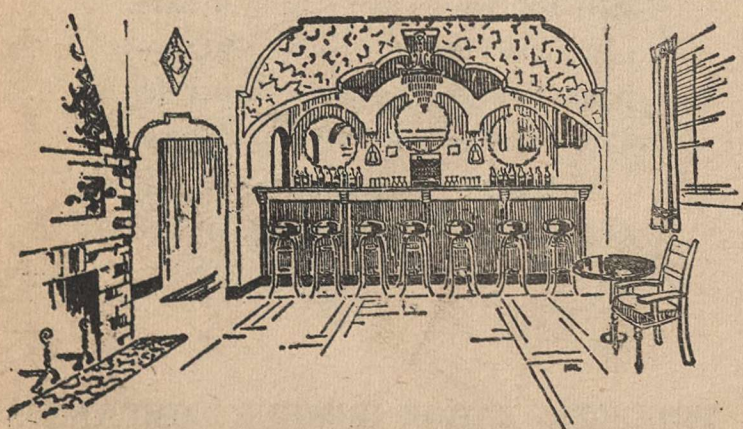
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